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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Chief, TSS Technical Operations

SUBJECT : Requirement for Service-Sterile Emergency Rations

1. In line with our telephone conversation of this morning, I shall attempt to put down what I can in the nature of definitive information about Project ACHILLES's immediate requirement for certain service-sterile emergency rations:

a. As we see it, the Agent cannot be sustained by what he carries with him for longer than 7 to 10 days. This applies to all the material that will be in his escape kit; medical items, armament, clothing, etc. After he runs out of what we can supply him, he is either back in our hands, captured or foraging.

b. Therefore, what we are speaking about is high-energy, low volume, service-sterile emergency rations, perhaps somewhat similar to Air Force items in this line, but at all costs non-attributable to Air Force.

c. In view of (b) above, our quantitative requirement is to provide the man with the best ration that will best sustain him for from 7 to 10 days and occupy the least amount of space in his kit. The basic configuration of the kit is believed to be roughly 18 inches square by some 4 to 6 inches deep.

2. Our immediate requirement is to timely equip six men who will embark for overseas on 7 May, commencing operations on or about 15 May. As a last ditch measure, we may have to supply them with compatible rations which are service-issue, with the understanding that as rapidly as we develop an acceptable substitute, we will replace the non-sterile items in the kit.

3. Our final requirement is for acquisition of 30 such sets of rations, with possibly a 20% coverage for damage, deterioration or eventual use. By 23 August 1956 we will require 10 ration kits, with another 10 due about Thanksgiving. There will be a requirement for 4 more kits in between, arising about 10 June. Your thoughtful assistance and advice will be greatly appreciated. Should there be a problem of funds required to purchase, develop or modify such supplies, I am sure that we will be able to be of assistance.

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